

allowance. Furthermore, as a result of this Amendment, claims 2-12, 14-16 and 19-20 now also depend from claim 17 and should therefore be in condition for allowance.

Applicant also notes that an Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with this Amendment, along with the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p). The Statement is accompanied by a Declaration of the inventor, Clark A. Levsen, attesting to a knife holder he observed while attending a trade show in Europe. It is respectfully submitted that the claimed invention is patentable over the knife holder described in the Declaration, regardless of whether this reference is considered singly or in combination with any of the other references of record.

In view of the foregoing, the present application should now be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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